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Haliburton County's Good News Fun Free Newspaper



Dr. Robert Heyes — a local family doctor and Haliburton Highlands Health Services chief of staff is pictured getting his flu shot by the Health Unit's Communicable Disease Control Nurse Anne McCracken.

Flu Shot Time

As public health officials prepare for the coming flu season, predicting what to expect and who will get sick is anyone's guess.

A staff report presented at the recent Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health meeting illustrates the unpredictability of influenza. The report, prepared by Epidemiologist Robyn Mitchell, shows influenza has struck home quite differently for

young and old over the past two years in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Northumberland County.

During the 2005/2006 flu season, there were 106 cases of influenza reported in the HKPR District. Of those, children and teenagers 19 years of age and younger accounted for just over half of all reported flu cases in the area. Seniors aged 65 years and older made up only 12.3 per cent of reported local influenza cases last flu season.

"Last year tended to be a milder and later season for flu here and across the country," Mitchell told Board members.

It was a different story during the 2004/2005 flu season, when there were more cases — 140 to be exact — of laboratory confirmed cases of influenza in the HKPR area. Older adults took the brunt of it, with one-third of all influenza cases two years ago involving people aged 65 years and older.

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It's Time To Get Excited Kids!! Because....



At a
glance:

Haliburton

Parade: Friday, November 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Pictures & Visit with Santa: Saturday,
November 25th - 1-4 p.m.

Minden

Saturday, November 25th - 11:00 a.m.

Pictures with Santa at the Firehall after
parade

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Parade on December 10th - Visit with Santa after parade
at Lloyd Watson Centre

Santa Claus is Coming To Town (s)...

Haliburton

Haliburton All Aglow is the theme for this year's parade, which has a new time and a new route. This is the first night-time parade for Haliburton - so be prepared for some dazzling light displays.

The parade takes place (November 24th) Friday evening this year starting at 6:30 p.m. The parade starts at the Haliburton United Church at the corner of Pine and George Street, then travels South on Pine to Highland Street, West along the main street, and North on York Street to Head Lake Park.

Now Santa has decided to stay overnight in Haliburton so that he can visit with all the children on Saturday afternoon at the Rail's End Gallery from 1-4pm.

So don't forget - he arrives with a dazzle of lights on Friday evening - 6:30 p.m., and will return for a visit with the children on Saturday from 1-4.

Wow - two great visits by the jolly one himself!! It will be great, so don't miss out!!

Santa is also
planning a visit to
Stanhope... see next
issue for details.

Minden

Minden will be celebrating the arrival of Santa on Saturday November 25th at 11 am with the 18th annual Santa Claus Parade. The parade route begins at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and moves down through the main drag. Immediately following the parade, Santa will be on hand for photos with the kids at the Firehall. If your child has a letter for Santa, watch for large red post-box at the parade to put it in. Make sure you don't miss this great annual event!

Wilberforce

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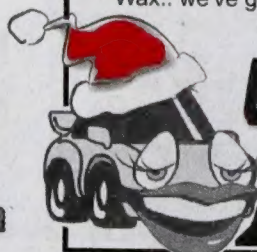
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Flu Vaccine Cont'd...

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Why the discrepancy? According to Mitchell, strains of influenza change every winter, meaning different people are affected annually. In general, an estimated 10 to 25 per cent of Canadians may get influenza in any given year.

What the numbers show, Board of Health members were told, is the need for people to get an annual flu shot. Flu vaccine protects approximately 70 per cent of people who get it. The remaining 30 per cent of vaccinated people may still get influenza, but will usually not be as sick as if they had not received the vaccine.

Local Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy told the Board that information gleaned from the last two flu seasons will be used to help promote flu vaccination this fall. Last year, 39 per cent of residents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes received their flu shot. The majority of those who were reported ill locally from influenza last year did not get their annual flu shot.

Flu Clinics Now Being Offered:

Flu vaccine is free in Ontario, and the Health Unit has now begun offering public clinics. This is later than usual, due to a delay in flu vaccine production this year. However, health officials note that all local residents who want to get a flu shot will be able to get one.

To see when local clinics are being offered, see ad on pg. 24 or you can see what clinics are available by calling the local Health Unit 457-1391 or visiting www.hkpr.on.ca under 'What's New.'

**When Visiting Santa in Haliburton -
Don't Forget to Visit...**

Model Train demonstration by Doug Stephen

Gather the family and head to the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, 23 York Street, Haliburton, Saturday November 25, from 1-4 pm to see a fantastic Model Train demonstration by local resident Doug Stephen.

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Deck the WALLS opens November 25 with a visit from Mr. Claus and wraps up with a Last Minute Shoppers' Party on Friday December 22 from 4 til 7 pm. On opening day the kids can get their picture taken with Santa by Chyna Schell of The Photo Shop and see a model train demonstration by Doug Stephen between 1 and 4 pm.

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is located in Haliburton at 23 York Street and is open Wednesday to Saturday between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. For more information you can call the Gallery at 457-2330.

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Minden Auto Care

With a Passion for Imports, Dave Can Fix Any Model Vehicle

By George Farrell

Diversity is a buzzword that is bandied about nowadays like a ping pong ball. It's one of those words that simply won't go away, and depending on how it's used, it sometimes means different things to different people. A Word Perfect computer check defines diversity as variety, and for our purposes that will suffice, because variety is the one ingredient that all communities need to thrive. We now have in our communities a greater variety of people from a greater variety of countries than ever before, but some of those people have been represented in the Highlands for many years. People from the British Isles and England have long been contributing to our culture and economy, and continue to do so. The recently opened English style fish and chip restaurant in Haliburton, being a point in case.

Another business run by a couple from "over 'ome" is Minden Auto Care, located, as the name would imply, in beautiful downtown Minden, at the corner of Prince and Water Streets, adjacent to the meandering Gull River.

Minden Auto Care is run by Dave and Corinne Howell. They both come from south east England and met in Canterbury, where Dave was an auto mechanic, and Corinne a social worker. To read between the lines of their friendly banter, one gets the impression that Dave was quite a "Jack the Lad" and man about town, and Corinne was, and remains, a strong willed woman, who knows her own mind, and knows what she wants when she sees it. "We met at a dance in Canterbury," Corinne explains. "He was with another



girl, but he left with me." Knowing smiles pass between the two, as Corinne continues, "and 30 years later here we are in Minden."

Now to fill in some details. They arrived in Canada in 1991. Dave explains that it was his father Ron, who provided the impetus, as Ron had the idea in his youth of a move to Canada, but he didn't do it, and he always wandered, "what if?" Corinne's parents also had immigration papers, but never filled them out. She explains, "My aunt Francis ended up filling them out for herself, and she moved over in the 1950's. My parents started coming over on vacations to see Francis, and I guess that started the ball rolling. Dave and I got married in March of 1976, and ever since then we had an itch to go somewhere. We thought that it would be easier to open a business over in Canada, and we are both somewhat adventurous and impulsive." So over they came, to Newcastle Ontario.

"When we came over the children were still very young, so I stayed home to look after them," explains Corinne. Initially it was up to Dave then, to be the family bread winner.

Dave had to re-write the Canadian version of his mechanics license, and then he secured a job in the used car department of Nurse Chev/Olds in Whitby. "Corrine's aunt Francis rented a cottage in the Highlands, and one weekend Corinne paid a visit, and fell in love with the area," Dave remembers. "It reminded us both of the Lake District in England, so we decided to look around

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Need a New Vehicle - See Dave for Great Quality Used Vehicles

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and see if there was a garage for sale, with a live-in property attached. We were amazed when realtor Elgin Stouffer, who used to work for Bowes and Cocks, told us that such a property had just come on the market. It was the Minden Texaco Centre, located where our present business is, and it had a small house on the property as well. We purchased in the fall of 1985."

At first the Howells lived in the small house, which was sandwiched between the gas station and the Beaver theatre, and ran the business as a repair shop and gas station. Dave was the mechanic and Corinne was pumping gas and doing the books.

Corinne explains, "When we were on our feet we moved to the house we presently live in, and tore down the small house to make room for a bigger lot, as Dave was starting to sell vehicles." Dave picks up the story. "In the early 90's we got rid of the gas pumps, because there was not much money to be made on such a low

volume of gas sales. At that time we also changed the name to Minden Auto Care, because the business was evolving. Over the years many customers were asking for replacement vehicles, and one thing led to another, and we eventually diversified into a used car dealership in 1999."

Dave explains his philosophy; "I'm a salesman, but a mechanic as well, and we're very careful what we sell. People ask my advice on vehicles, and I try matching up people with the proper vehicle for them."

At Minden Auto Care you can find good clean vehicles, in a variety of price ranges, and new vehicles too. They can arrange financing if you require it, and all their vehicles come with a North American-wide warranty. If they don't have what you're looking for on the lot "we will do everything we can to find precisely what you're looking for, through connections built up over many years," says Dave.

Dave, who still has a passion for imports, and older British cars like vintage Jags, Morgans and Austin Healeys is justifiably proud that he has trained several apprentices over the years that have gone on to become mechanics working in the area. At the present time he has service technician Ryan McDougall on staff and learning the ropes. "Ryan trained as an auto service technician at Mohawk College in Hamilton," Dave explains. "He's a great asset. He's friendly and reliable and he can deal with customers directly on the service end of it, which takes a lot of pressure of us." Corinne still handles the office and the books and makes sure that everything is as it should be.

After living here long enough to think of themselves as Highlanders, Corinne and Dave exude a confidence which comes with the success of raising a family, and running their own



business. "We love the area says Dave. Our kids went through the school system and are now out on their own." The Howell's son Daniel works locally in the building industry, and has no interest in moving out of the area. Daughter Louise is a travel consultant in the Barrie area, and she would love to move back to the Highlands eventually.

Ironically, both Dave's and Corinne's parents have retired to the Highlands.

"Now that we're established, business has become easier. We're happy, and wouldn't think of moving anywhere else," Dave says. "We'd like to carry on for a few more years and then do some traveling together," adds Corinne.

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Police used the job-search information to identify the man, who was arrested and charged with robbing a Wells Fargo bank branch on Fort Worth's east side. The man had tried to hide the personal information by taping black construction paper over it. But then he forgot to retrieve the note and take it with him after giving it to the teller.

Police then just peeled the tape from the note. A tip led police to a Fort Worth motel, where Frederick McDowell, 32, was arrested.

A Real Slip and Fall Case:

An inmate in Decatur, Georgia found himself before the judge sooner than he expected when he fell through the courthouse ceiling into the judge's chambers while trying to escape, according to local police.

The not so light footed inmate, Ben N. Rogozensky, was one of about a dozen inmates awaiting hearings on September 6, 2003 when he was taken to the empty jury room to speak with his attorney.

The inmate asked to go into the adjacent restroom and from there staged his ill-fated getaway, climbing into the ceiling crawl space.

State Court Judge J. Antonio DelCampo was in the courtroom when the barefoot Rogozensky fell through the ceiling and landed near the judge's desk in his chambers.

A technician who was fixing the judge's computer called for security officers, who grabbed Rogozensky in the hallway.

9th Annual Christmas Craft Sale -

December 2-3

Head to Minden and be ready to get into the Christmas Spirit at the 9th Annual Christmas Craft Sale taking place at the Minden Arena Saturday December 2nd from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday December 3 from 10am to 4 pm.

We're sure you will find something for everyone on your Christmas list. There will be lots of new vendors this year as well as all the great ones from last year.

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Taking Place in Minden Friday

November 24th

Get ready to be put into the Christmas spirit with the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the Village Green in Minden on Friday November 24th.

The event is followed by the town's Moonlight Madness where shoppers can enjoy an evening of bargains to get that Christmas shopping started off just right!! Stores will be open until 8 p.m. to accommodate the festive evening shoppers – so enjoy!!

See ads on pages 37-39 for great bargains during Moonlight Madness - just a sample of what awaits all who attend.

Don't Miss Your Chance To Get Beautiful Christmas Decorations For Your Home

Want a nice way to decorate your home for the holidays – and help a worthy cause at the same time? Why not place a bid on one of the many Christmas Tree, Wreath, or Centerpiece displays that are being offered through auction by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

You have time still to place your bids – they can be made during the upcoming Christmas Sale taking place Dec 2 & 3 at the Minden Community Centre, or at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from Dec. 6 to the 9th.

Your last chance to firm up your bid to win is December 9th during the Christmas 1950's Style celebration taking place at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's Great Hall. Here you will enjoy refreshments, and meet with poet Dylan Thomas on his North American Tour. The fun begins at 7 p.m. See ad on page 26 for more details.



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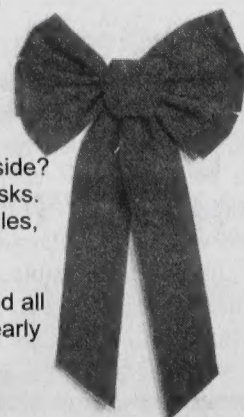
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There is hope. One of these determined African women received a loan of only \$12.50 from ICA (Institute of Cultural Affairs) to start a tiny community business. She was so successful that she now is able to make loans to others. That is why Outloud Womyn's Voices charged \$12.50 admission to their benefit concert at Northern Lights Pavillion on Sat. Nov. 11.

About 30 Outloud choir members entertained an audience of about 170 with their passionate singing of songs about social justice, freedom, and peace. Led by Beth Johns, the singers were accompanied by slides and moving personal stories about the ICA work being done in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Abbey North Drummers started the programme with their lively drumming and accompanied the choir in a few songs. During intermission, the sale of draw items, refreshments, and Outloud's new cookbook added to ticket sales totalled a profit of approximately \$2000.

The choir is proud to donate this money raised and additional profits from future cookbook sales ICA to promote their work in Il Ngwese and other African villages. One of ICA's groundbreaking projects in 2005 was to support the testing for HIV in the entire community of 6500 in Il Ngwese. A choir member and speaker at the concert, Thea Patterson, has left for Africa to continue her work there.

Outloud Womyn's voices is a community choir that meets every Tuesday near Haliburton. They sing about concerns that affect women everywhere. Abbey North Drummers, were

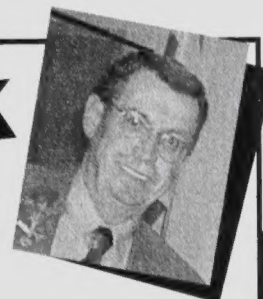
initially inspired by ICA Canada's "Listen to the Drumming" campaign; they are expanding throughout Canada and Africa with the purpose of raising funds and awareness about HIV/AIDS work in Africa. For more information on the drumming, call 416-907-3549 or call Barry Hayward, Eric Lilius, or Joe Truss.



It was very appropriate that this benefit concert was held on Nov. 11 as many of us paused to remember soldiers who sacrificed their lives so we could have freedom, peace, and opportunities. If you missed the concert, you still have an opportunity to help prevent future conflicts by reducing the desperation that comes from extreme poverty, disease, and lack of hope. You can make a donation

to ICA, a registered charity. (www.icacan.ca) Cheques can be sent to the Canadian Institute of Cultural Affairs, 655 Queen St East, Toronto, M4M 1G4. For more information on ICA or to donate on-line, see icacan.ca.

Thank You!



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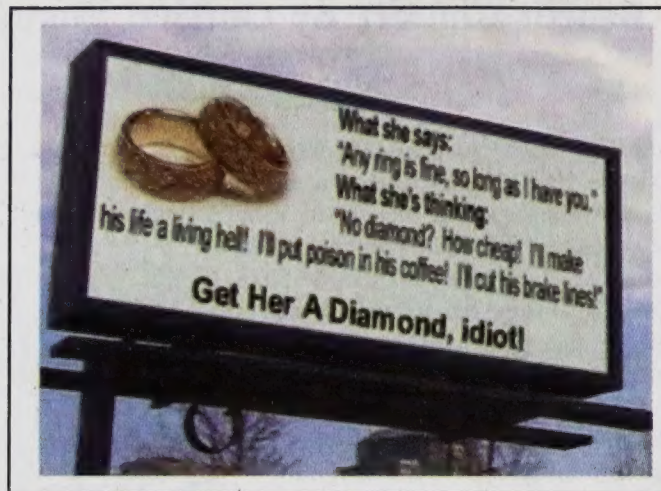
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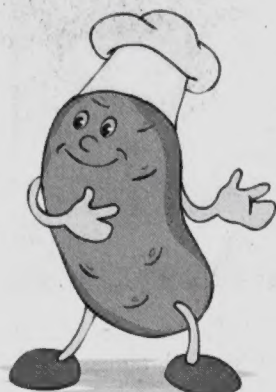
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Should a baking potato be wrapped in foil shiny side in or shiny side out?

Many have believed in the past that you don't put the shiny side in as there is a coating on the shiney side that is dangerous.



Well, to clear up old myth, the shiny side is not treated with a dangerous chemical. Mineral oil is used as a lubricant during the rolling process, some trace of which may remain on the finished foil—but it's not dangerous. The shiny side is shiny because of the way foil is made. During the last pass through the rolling mill, a double thickness of foil is run between the rollers. The side of each sheet that comes in contact with the polished steel rollers comes out shiny. The other side has a matte finish.

Having dispensed with the paranoid rumors, let's get down to the heart of the matter. Are you supposed to wrap stuff shiny side in or shiny side out? The official word from the Reynolds aluminum people is as follows: "It makes little difference which side of the Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil you use—both sides do the same fine job of cooking, freezing, and storing food. There is a slight difference in the reflectivity of the two sides, but it is so slight that laboratory instruments are required to measure it."

Although, according to sources, one Reynolds rep was caught saying he felt you were supposed to wrap the food shiny side in. But official word is – it doesn't matter.

Why not try a few experiments of your own.. for example... cook one in and one out and see the difference – repeat several times and compare your notes. Do let us know if you found a noticeable and consistent difference.

Arts Exposed, A Cultural Affair

Minden Hills Community Centre, Friday November 24, 6 p.m.

The work of artists from throughout the area will be up for auction as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation presents its annual Arts Exposed, A Cultural Affair.

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Brigitte Gall will be the special guest

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Party Time!

Socrates said an unexamined life is not worth living, so this being my tenth anniversary as an Amigo, it is appropriate to look back.

It all started in 1964 when my husband's dad, Keith, and his cousin Jimmy went to their first Grey Cup. They were dedicated Ottawa Rough Rider fans who had season's tickets and a lot of good times. I guess you could say, they went for the party and stayed for the game.

Keith passed on in 1994 so his son (my husband, Alan), along with Jimmy's daughter, Anne, stepped up and accompanied Jimmy to



the next Grey Cup in Vancouver. That's when The Amigos began. Keith's grandson, also Keith, joined the next year in Regina, I joined the following year in Hamilton, our son-in-law Tim joined in Vancouver in 1999, son Jacob joined in 2001 in Montreal and now Anne's son Clark, who was named for Keith Clark and is finally of drinking age, has joined this year in Winnipeg.

We have a saying: what happens at the Grey Cup stays at the Grey Cup so I can't reveal too much, but we do have a scrapbook of some of the highlights.

Through the years, we've go-carted at the Edmonton Mall, had a cowboy-size dinner at the Bar C Ranch outside Calgary, and boat cruised around Vancouver harbour. But as the average age keeps dropping, the only real entertainment sought after is at the party tent where the bands play and the beers are lifted. And even at eighty-five years-old, Jimmy still leads the way.

Like any social group, we do have our traditions. Saturday night festivities always start at the railway hotel in each city where we lift our drinks and remember Alan's dad. It's impossible to forget Keith's warm and mischievous smiles. We also have the reading of "An Ode to Gibson," but I can't tell you anymore than that. And then of course there is the post-game pizza party and announcement of the pool winner. These two events are linked because the winner gets to buy the pizza. Young Clark predicted a 26-14 BC win and it ended up costing him \$30. Welcome to the Amigos, Clark!

I've been a football fan all my life so it was fun to join in, but I wasn't much of a drinker...at first. But now that Alan's family has become my family, I've learned to relax and just kick back and party along. What a great group of people, and in reflecting back now, I finally realize I'm a part of something greater than I had imagined. It's not just me out walking on my trail back home; it's me and my families and fellow Grey Cup fans and all Canadians, and all sports fans around the world, and everyone out there who has stopped what they're doing to kick a ball or play a game. The point to it all, which has taken me a long time to understand, is to love life and have some fun – to come for the party and stay for the game.

In examining my life here, I've just realized I've been coasting through without truly appreciating all that I have. Crazy, eh? that I've been looking *for* happiness when I should have been really looking *at* it. Oh, boy, and I just had another revelation...what's even more ridiculous is that I've been living my life backwards - I came for the game and was still waiting for the party. Well enough of that!

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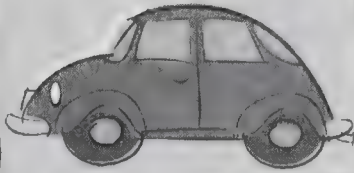
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v = squeezit w = oprah x = skipper y = dinky
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Now.... use the second letter of your last name to determine the first half of your new last name:

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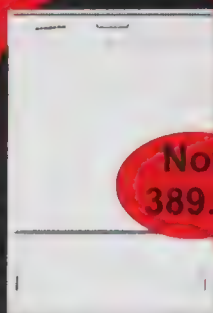
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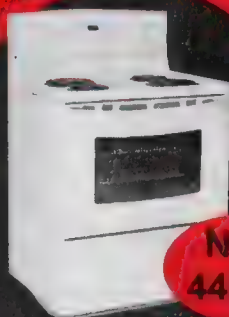
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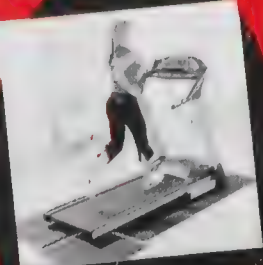
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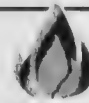
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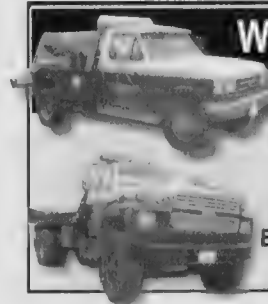
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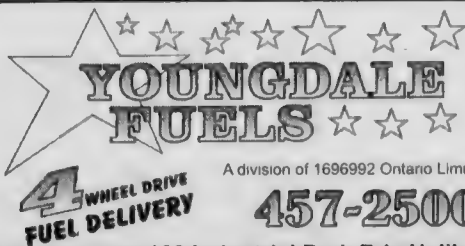


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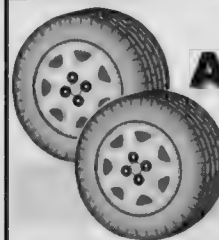
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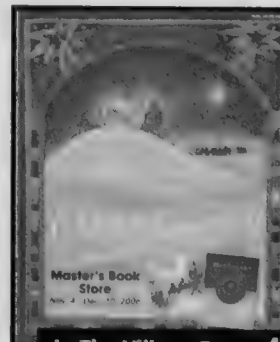
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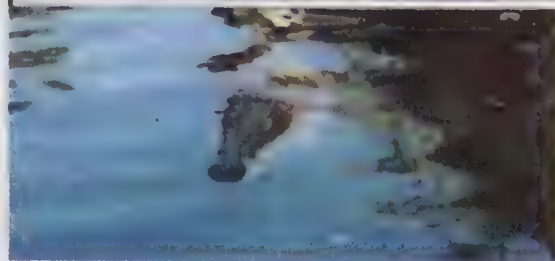
Scientifically Speaking



Why do people get thirsty?

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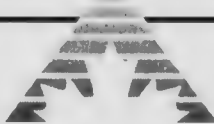
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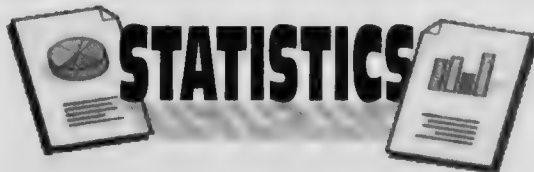
The *Consumer Protection Act* received Royal Assent on December 13, 2002 but the legislation could not be proclaimed in force without the regulations which detail the many requirements. After drafts of regulations in 2003 and 2004, a final regulation was introduced in 2005 and passed. So, although the legislation was in place in 2002, it did not come into force as law until July 30, 2005.

A consumer agreement is an agreement between a supplier and a consumer in which the supplier agrees to supply goods or services for payment. The agreement is typically drafted by the supplier. The new Act sets out many rights and obligations which now apply to all consumer agreements. The Act provides that any ambiguity that allows for more than one reasonable interpretation of an agreement will be interpreted in favour of the consumer. "Fine print" is pretty well abolished. If a supplier is required to disclose information in the agreement, the supplier cannot hide it in fine print. The information must be delivered in a form which the consumer can easily read.

The goods sold to a consumer are subject to an implied warranty that they are fit for the purpose intended. In other words, if a supplier sells a "forever" sharp bread knife that is rust-free, it had better work. Prior to the new Act, suppliers of personal development services, such as services for fitness and diet, were not subject to an implied warranty. Now the supplier is deemed to warrant that the services supplied under a consumer agreement are of a reasonably acceptable quality.

If a consumer agreement includes an estimate, the supplier cannot charge the consumer an amount that exceeds the estimate by more than 10 per cent. If the supplier tries to charge more, the consumer may demand that the supplier provide the goods and services at the estimated price.

In the next column, I will be talking about double satisfaction.



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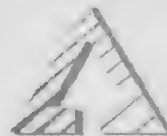
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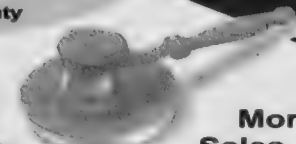


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**Kosy Korner
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**The Kosy Not To Be Found On The Same Korner...
But You Don't Have To Go Too Far To Find It's New Location**

By George Farrell

Mike Myers in his Austin Powers persona is freaking out on the street in downtown Haliburton. He is fuming, and bubbling forth, wildly gesticulating, buck teeth gnashing, fancy scarf wildly whipping in a breeze of his own creation. "It's gone, it's gone," he can be heard to say over and over again. A crowd gathers, recognizing its' adopted star comedian. They suspect this is a scene from an upcoming movie. They look around for hidden cameras, and then back again at the hairy chested one, as he crumbles babbling and sobbing, onto the cold cement sidewalk.

OK, OK, so that really didn't happen, but it might, if Mike Myers goes for an early breakfast someday soon at one of his favourite Highlands haunts, only to discover that it is no longer there. "What?" you say, "the Kosy gone? Why it's been there for ever." Not really, thought it might seem that way. Established since 1993, it used to be next door, and it has been at it's present location at 209 highland Street since 1975. The owners Janet and Jim Tice bought the business from Walt McKechnie in 1990. Walt still owns the building. But yes, the Kosy's moving, though only down and across the street, to what once was the Sears building. The move which will have taken place on November the 20th will see the Kosy re-opening at its' new location on the 23rd of November, and it's going to be oh ,so much better, according to Janet.

"Well, for one thing it's a newer building, and we've completely renovated inside," she says. There's more working area for staff, there's parking in the rear, instead of only on the street. There will be designated parking spots for people with a disability, and a back door with a level entrance for people in wheelchairs, and those elderly people who have difficulty with stairs. And unlike the old location, the washrooms will be on the same level as the



Janet at the old location.

dining room, and they will be completely accessible. "Some of our senior customers have told me that they are so excited by the move, as it will make things so much easier for them. And we've put in new picture windows, and now our customers get a great view over the lake," Janet says with excitement. "The new space will be bigger and brighter."

But for those who might long for what is familiar, the booths and tables will be making the move, along with much of the newer equipment that the Tice's have purchased over the years. "We've got a new deep fryer, new ice cream machine, and a bigger walk-in

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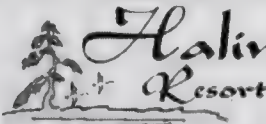
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cooler for things that don't need to be frozen."

"I guess our biggest problem to overcome was the co-ordination of the professional contractors taking out and installing the equipment; like fridges, the propane, dishwasher, and stoves," says Janet. But she would rather talk about the decor. "I think it's very relaxing, with taupe, sun dried tomato, greens and beige complementing each other."

The menu will consist of the same good quality Canadian home made food that the Kosy is famous for; but according to Janet, "we might try chicken wings-people have been requesting those, and there will be some vegetarian options, as well as the kids and seniors menus." A change in location usually means an increase in prices for many restaurants, but Janet adamantly assures us that won't be the case with the Kosy; "the prices will remain the same." "I won't miss the old place," she says. "I've fallen down the back steps so many times, and delivery used to be a problem-not any more."

One new feature will be a drive-thru window for those early risers and workers. The drive-thru will be open at 5:30 am, and will mainly be an early

Owners: Janet &
Jim Tice

morning feature for quick orders. "The neat thing though," says Janet, "is that we will get a long 10 year lease, with an option for another 10 years."



New Location

So it sounds like the Kosy will be around for a long time to come. "What about hubby Jim," I ask, "what are his duties?" "He helps out with a lot of things, but as long as he stays out of the kitchen we'll be all right," laughs Janet. Now, will somebody please point Mike Myers in the right direction.

The Kosy Korner's new address is 166 Highland St, Haliburton. The phone number remains the same, 457-2810. Hours of operation, daily from 6 a.m.- 8 p.m.; some nights later.

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Tracey's Bistro and Grill Ready To Open

By Stephen Patrick

This has been a year of significant change in the Haliburton Village restaurant business, to put it mildly. Last spring the Old Country House changed hands when, after 25 years, the Carl family passed the torch to Sylvia Miller, who's had a very good summer and fall, introducing a Tapas Menu and live music.

In the last few months CC's Cafe has opened downstairs in Stedmans to complement their chocolate business, and the Village Donut proprietors have just opened Codfather Fish & Chips and English Pub on the main drag.

This week the Kosy moves on down the street after over 70 years in the same location. And that's not all the changes. In the last couple of years Mingles and the old Duke of Dysart have changed

hands, and Kai's has become Win Yeung's, where the new owners are providing really excellent and fresh mainstream Chinese food. In addition, both the IGA and the Independent offer fresh cooked full meals to go seven days a week.

And if you want even more choice, there's always quick food at the Subway, and of course, McKeck's Place has just celebrated 20 successful years.

All of which makes you want to ask, doesn't anybody in Haliburton cook at home anymore?

Well, Tracey McMullen, a dynamic and determined restaurant entrepreneur, is betting an awful lot of time, energy, and capitol that the Haliburton dining and entertainment market has room for another major competitor. In the next week or so, in what's perhaps

the most eagerly anticipated restaurant opening on the main drag in the last 20 years, Ms. McMullen is set to open Tracey's Bistro and Grill in an amazing new building with a design that

has to be seen to be believed. "I want Tracey's to be the hub of dining and entertainment for all of Haliburton," says Tracey, with undisguised passion and confidence. "And I know that it's taken a long time to get here, but the wait will have been worth it. A project of this size and complexity simply doesn't happen overnight, but soon the doors will be open and I can actually get to welcome and talk to my customers again."

Tracey owned and successfully operated the Pizza Den, later Pasta Pizza from March of 2000 until last year when the location for her new venture was finally secured. "I knew that location was essential for what we were planning – and this site, originally the

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house of Alexander Niven, Haliburton's first Surveyor, was perfect. We began to plan the focus and theme of Tracey's over two years ago – and from the beginning I knew I wanted to create a warm, family environment in beautiful surroundings offering healthy and creative meals."

Tracey's has three distinct areas, each with its own focus and distinct ambience. The main dining room, the Bistro, has traditional banquettes, warm stone floors, and an amazing curved serving bar (with a few seats for actual bar patrons) that reveals a gleaming, stainless steel open kitchen.

Facing the street and opening onto an open-air patio is what Tracey calls her Parlour, or more formally the

Haliburton Room, with tin ceilings, a discreet Plasma TV and an intimate atmosphere. Upstairs is the Niven Room, which can cater to private banquets and parties of all kinds. It also has an open-air patio overlooking Highland Street. In total, Tracey's can accommodate over 200 patrons in the three areas, including the patios.

The menu is both straightforward and imaginative, with traditional Escargots au Gratin and Beef Carpaccio joining Wings and Zucchini Sticks as starters, (along with some wild sounding Fries and Onion Rings). There are homemade Wraps and Burgers and a good Pasta and Pizza selection. Main Entrees include Fresh Water Pickerel, Maple Glazed Atlantic Salmon, Steaks, Vegetable Stir-Frys and more, all at very reasonable prices. In addition, there's an

imaginative children's menu that also speaks to Tracey's desire to cater to the entire family. "I wanted to make sure that the menu was distinctive, but also main stream and in the price range of the

average family. We're here for the long haul, and we want to continue to grow along with the rest of the Haliburton business community. The changes we've seen in the last few years, with huge investments by both grocery chains, Curry Motors new location, the expansion of Haliburton Lumber, the new drugstore, — these are all signs of how business believes in our growing population.

"And I wanted to make sure we were positioned to grow along with the community, and this

investment is certainly proof of that!"

Tracey also plans some serious theme-night marketing with tentative plans for a Fleming College night on Mondays, Kids Eat Free on Tuesdays, menus from around the world on Wednesdays, just for starters. She's also

going to offer Saturday and Sunday brunches. "We're already booking Christmas parties, along with a special Children's Brunch and Christmas party on Sunday, December 17th from 10 am until 2 pm complete with Santa, photos, tree decoration ... and we're going to sell Christmas ornaments as well, with all proceeds going to Cottage Dreams." Oh, and wait to see what she has planned for New Years Eve!!

Tracey's Bistro and Grill will be open Monday to

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A Wine Lovers Night Out

The Old Country House Introduces a Wine Club

No need to remind you gourmands out there about the Old County House. A cornerstone of fine dining in the Highlands, the Old Country House, as many of you know, was purchased by new owner Sylvia Millar in April of this year. What is remarkable is the smooth transition of that ownership and the culinary consistency, especially since this is the first time Sylvia has ever owned a restaurant. People can still expect remarkably good food, artistically presented. Both Sylvia and chef David Adams, who chose to stay on after the change, must be commended.

Sylvia likes to stay behind the scenes, and deflects any praise coming her way for a team approach. Similarly David eschews the limelight and prefers the confines of the kitchen where he hones his art. They are both buoyed however by the great response to the new menu that David has come up with. There are other changes too, like the house artist programme, which allows a local artist to

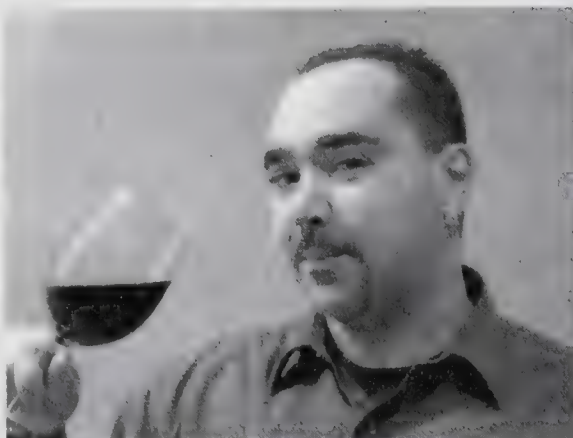


exhibit his or her work free of charge on the walls of the restaurant for a whole year. This is mutually beneficial to both artist and restaurant, and adds to the ambience. But perhaps the most significant change at the Old Country House is one that has yet to happen; and that's the advent of the wine club.

Now what exactly is a wine club you might ask? Well the concept is this: "to pair wines and foods in order to explain why certain wines are paired with certain foods, and to find out more about the wines themselves."

So says Ed DaPonte, an agent for Hobbs & Co, wine merchants. Wine merchants represent wines from outside the country, act as a liaison with the LCBO and handle other legalities. They also like to educate the public about wines, and one of the best ways to do that is through wine clubs. As wines are very often paired with fine foods, the Old Country House was the perfect local venue.

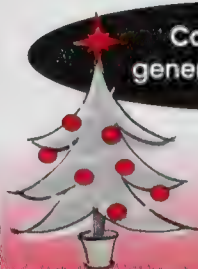
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"This is different than a wine tasting dinner", says Sylvia, inasmuch as it will be hosted by Ed DaPonte, who is knowledgeable about things like varietals, locale, climate, and various vintages." Ed will walk everyone through the evening, and answer questions that might arise. The wine club evening will be a sociable event where everyone sits next to each other, in the manner of a continental gathering. Ed and Sylvia want this to be a good evening out, a comfortable, social event, where wine lovers of all levels of knowledge can come together for a delicious experience. They would like their customers to come away from the evening with the feeling of having experience a great social night out, and take away with them a heightened awareness of both the food and the wines, and of course the appropriate pairing of the two.

The wine club will sample wines from all over the world, country by country, one evening at a time. The first wine club evening will feature the wines of Australia. Among the wines members will get

to sample are a Cuttaway Hill Estate Pinot Gris, a Milpara Park Merlot, an unwooded Chardonnay and a Shiraz from Tall Poppy, and a Parri Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,

Chef David Adams will prepare plates such as goat cheese served with organic greens and a blend of forest mushrooms, New Zealand lamb chop with a Marsala and rosemary sauce, and ricotta and blue cheese stuffed in new potatoes, a lemon scented creamy risotto garnished with mustard greens and freshwater shrimp, and more. There are five dishes in all, and one dessert, for the incredibly reasonable price of \$50 per person. Now, which dish is served with what wine? Ah, there you have the essence of the evening.

The first wine club evening will take place at the Old Country House on November 28, and the idea is to have wine club evenings every six weeks or so. If you would like to fine out more about the wine club or become a member, get in touch with Sylvia Millar at the Old Country House, 172 Highlands St. Haliburton. Sylvia can be reached at 457-2301.

Pictured is Ed DaPonte, agent for Hobbs and Co. wine merchants.



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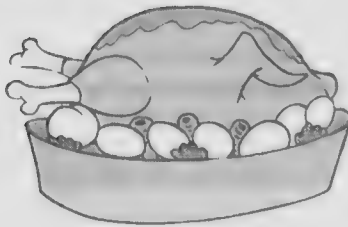
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Beatnik Bongo Poetry Reading in Minden

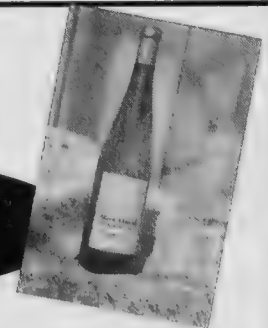
Dominion Hotel, Minden, 9:30 until Who Knows When, Saturday, December 9

The Beats are coming to Minden!! Dylan Thomas will be reading his sweet "Child's Christmas in Wales" to the children of Minden at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 7:00. But for a poet of his thirsty stature, it's a bit early to turn in after a gig. Ta Da! Dylan (Tim Nicholson) has invited his Beatnik Brothers – Jack Kerouac (Mike Johnson), Allan Ginsberg (Ryan Dawson), Lawrence Ferlingetti (Jim Blake), Brother Antoninus (Jack Brezina), Father Thomas Merton (Michael Fay) — and a few Beatnik Sisters to join him at the Dominion Hotel at 9:30 for a down and dandy Poetry Reading. Bongo banging provided by Barry Hayward. Everyone is welcome to come on down to Minden and dress Fifties Funkie!



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The exciting evening will feature readers from CBC Radio along with several local personalities. The Highlands Male Chorus will be singing several traditional

Christmas songs as a part of the evening.

Net proceeds from this event will go to all the local food banks in Haliburton County. Tickets are \$15 each and will be available after November 14 at Kitchens Etc in Haliburton and at Pharmasave in Minden.

There will be only 175 tickets available for this one-time only event. Past experience tells us that they will be sold out very quickly. It should be noted that all the personalities including the professionals and local readers/singers are volunteering their time.

The Highlands Male Chorus is honoured to be part of this CBC Radio production which is sure to bring recognition to the County and its talented people and also provide a service to our food banks at this critical time of the year.

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The Council of the Township of Minden Hills would like to extend and invitation to its residents to attend the annual Christmas Dance in the Auditorium of the Minden Community Centre on Friday, December 8. Doors open to the public at 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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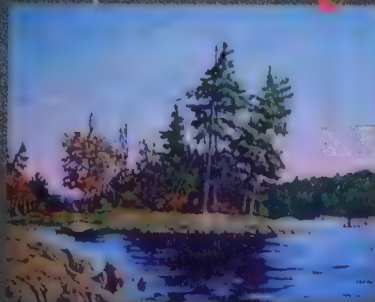
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The Razzamataz season continues on Sunday, February 4 with "The Wizard of Oz" presented by Erewhon Theatre. This presentation of the well-loved classic blends music, theatrical techniques, fabulous sets, props, magical tricks and participation from children in the audience.

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Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. You may wish to consider a season pass which offers substantial savings at only \$20 for all four shows.

Razzamataz continues to be able to offer quality children's entertainment at affordable prices with the generous support of sponsors: Curry Motors, Haliburton and District Lions Club, Haliburton IGA, Patient News Publishing, Ridgewood Ford Sales Limited, Haliburton Rotary Club, Floyd Hall Insurance Limited, YMCA Camp Wanakita, The Rotary Club of Minden, Minden Pharmasave, J.A.C. Kernohan Construction Limited and an anonymous sponsor. Razzamataz also receives support from the Ontario Arts Council and donations from Dollo's IGA, Master's Book Store, and Del Sharp Electric.

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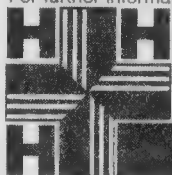
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New Business

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Hair by Heather is the pride and joy of Heather Coneybeare, and it was born out of years of experience working for other people, in other people's salons. Those years of experience are certainly in evidence. There is a very relaxed atmosphere there. There's no evidence of frustrated impatience, no thoughts of "she's not giving me the cut that I asked for", no young pretty people just out of hair school telling the clients how they think their hair should be styled. All that is replaced by a warm, atmosphere without tension, where Heather's clients, many of whom know each other, can sit and talk, in the new and spacious salon. It's a social place.

Hair by Heather opened on the second of October this year, and it's located at the Coneybeare home at 145 Harmony Road in Haliburton Village. Many people don't like to have their hair needs seen to in people's homes. They think of animals or kids running around, and unwashed dishes in the sink. Heather has avoided all that by turning the garage into her salon, and unless you knew otherwise, you would never suspect that cars once resided there. The room, decorated in warm tones is bright, airy and comfortable.

Heather is a Highland's girl, born and bred. After going through the local school system she attended the Career School of Hairstyling in Oshawa. After that she worked at Haliburton

Hair By Heather

Hairdressing, and the Hair Stylist, and she has been working as a hair stylist herself since 1980. So if it's experience you're after,

Heather has it. Perhaps that's why many of her clientele has followed her from venue to venue, and stuck with her for many years.

This is Heather's first business of her own, and it was bought about partly due to health concerns. She explains, "I have some health problems which may escalated sometime, and working from home gives me so many more options. I am obviously so much closer to work. It's taken a lot of stress off my shoulders, and my life is more leisurely now. This way I can look after my family and business so much easier."

Her immediate family consists of husband John Coneybeare, and their daughter Katarina, aged 10, who goes to J.D. Hodgson elementary school in Haliburton village. Her family helped in getting her business off the ground. "My shop was made by my husband, with the help of my mom Nellie and my dad Eric. The stone work was done by Ed Burke, and the electrics by Miskwabi Electric," Heather adds, "Other family members did small things, and my girlfriend Jean Harding helped me paint."



Hair by Heather cont'd... pg. 34...



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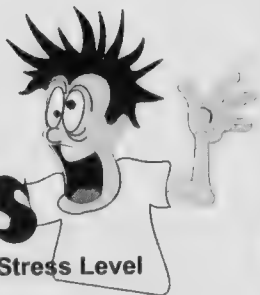
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Pictured: Heather
Coneybeare curls
Elaine Simpson's
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So now that she is all set up, what has she been up to? Heather explains, "I'm busy with all age groups, and I like doing everything; colour, perms, cuts, highlighting, weekly washes, sets and blow-dry's."

Clients seem to leave quite happy.

"Heather does a good job on my hair," says Muriel Peters, "and she's friendly. I've been going to Heather for over 20 years. I wouldn't think of going anywhere else. I think she is really good at decorating too. This new salon is warm, inviting, and very comfortable. You feel at ease in her new place, because it doesn't feel new."

"I get to do what I love to do the most," explains Heather, with a smile. "It's always great to do the job that you love, but sometimes a change, like opening up my own salon, makes it fun again. I welcome new clients if they want to come, and I enjoy the clients that I already have. I think my prices are about average, but I only use quality products, and I give my clients the amount of time they deserve. We don't rush our customers out the door- it's more like a social event. I have a sign over the front door of the salon, and it says love, laughter and friends are always welcome; and that about sums up my philosophy."

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A Spark of Light At The End Of A Long Dark Tunnel: Minden "Grannies" Help Their Counterparts In Africa

By George Farrell

Our readers know this publication as a "feel good" community newspaper, one which likes to convey good news stories. Sometimes however there are stories we have to tell, that though they might start out as very sad tales, have an uplifting element to them. This is such a story.

It is not very often in this hard hearted world of ours that we can be reduced to genuine tears by the words of an individual. We prefer to cry in the dark, as we observe the surreal, sanitized pathos of the Hollywood movie, or the disconnect of graphic news footage which shows the latest atrocities that are taking place in other parts of the world. Sometimes however there is a person, who is so committed, that his or her words transcend the banality of everyday meaning. These words charge our imaginations and emotions with a deep-felt need for frustrated expression. At such times we feel the words, and feel the pain they convey, and we have to let loose the floodgates, or fight back our tears. It takes a very powerful cause, and an extremely committed and eloquent person, to bring yours truly to this state. There is such a cause, HIV/AIDS in Africa, and there is such a man, Stephen Lewis.



Minden Hills "Grannies" Mickey Bonham, Sandy Valentine, Sue Reid, Cathy McLean, Donna Colby, and Jessie Pflug, prepare for future fund raising events.

Stephen Lewis is undoubtedly one of the most important Canadians living today. I am not talking about the man of past political conflict, I am referring to the man who has committed so much of his life to helping those in Africa with HIV/AIDS. Anyone who has heard him talk on the subject, and has not been moved, is without compassion.

We do not have the space in this article to extol the virtues of Mr Lewis, so instead we will concentrate on some of the work of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which from August 11-13 of this year hosted the Grandmothers' Gathering, an unprecedented meeting of nearly 300 grandmothers from sub-Saharan Africa and Canada, which was held in advance of the XVI AIDS conference in Toronto. The

Gathering offered a forum for grandmothers from across southern Africa to speak as experts about their experiences. What have grandmothers got to do with AIDS? A grandmother and care giver of 28 orphans in Uganda had this to say: "My message to the whole world is that the world

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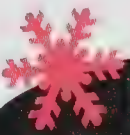
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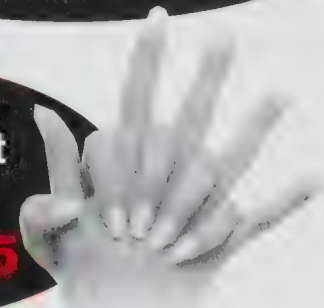
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should get up to fight HIV/AIDS and to try to get medicine for the people who are infected, so that the children they are trying to bring up, the children they are fighting for now, can have at least hope in life. I want the whole world to see now that this epidemic is killing the young generation, leaving their children in the hands of the grandparents, who are weak, who are helpless. So I am appealing to the world if they can also look into the problem of the grandparents." Her words have not gone unheeded. Stephen Lewis took up the cause with these words: "We almost never think of the grandmothers, except in passing. Yet they are emerging as the unheralded heroes of the continent. They're poor, they're old; they live with the inconsolable anguish of having buried their own adult children. They're tired, they're hungry, and yet they're fast becoming the true, resilient, magnificent hearts of the struggle of the continent."

Now here's the good news. Due to Stephen Lewis and his foundation, there are currently more than 50 Grandmother's groups across Canada, and there's one right here in Minden. It's called the Minden Hills Grandmothers to Grandmothers Group, and at present it consists of six grandmothers. Their group sentiment is this: "We're all fortunate enough to have a total of 23 grandchildren who are being bought up by loving parents in stable homes, and the least we can do is help the grandparents in Africa whose grandchildren have no parents to care for them, and very little security."

The spokesperson for the group is Mickey Bonham, and at a recent meeting she said "watching the (AIDS Conference) coverage on television



Sandy Valentine and her donation of original African Art.

inspired me to form a group in Minden to address the fact that 13 million orphans in Africa are being raised by grandmothers who have no support from their own government. This is our second meeting, and as we get further along in our organization we will be having regular meetings to prepare for future fund raising events. Our first fund raising event will take place on Sunday December 17th, At the Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast. It's located at Stouffer Mills Road and Highway 35, you can't miss the sign." Jessie Plug the owner of the Stouffer Mill B and B, and a member of the "grannie" group, (as they refer to themselves), continues. "Its called A Joyous Christmas Afternoon, and it will be an open house from 2-4 pm. There will be

live Christmas music, baked goodies, and mulled cranberry juice. Admittance will be by donations and all funds raised will be given to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, to help grandmothers in Africa."

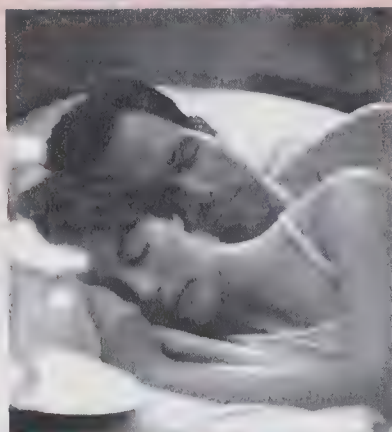
On Canada Day, in June of 2007 the "grannies" are planning to hold a raffle, in downtown Minden. The prizes will include a lap quilt, hand made by "grannies" member Sue Reid, and an original African painting, as well as a genuine African wooden sculpture, donated by Sandy Valentine, another "grannies" member. "I was inspired to join," says Sandy, "because I was in Africa for 2 years, from 1967-69 with my husband Bill, and I feel that I can bring to the group a love of Africa, and a willingness to work hard."

On the same weekend as the Canada Day raffle, the "grannies" will also have a sale of items that anyone, particularly cottagers, will find useful on a rain day. Items will include videos, dvd's, cd's, board games, puzzles and toys.

So, they seem to have things well in hand, and a firm vision of where they want to go, and if the Minden Hills Grandmothers to Grandmothers group scenario is repeated many times across Canada and the world, then hopefully African Governments will be forced to realize the strain on the African Grandmothers, and give assistance and relief to their heroic work.

Should you wish to donate items for the sale, or find out more information about this worthy cause, and the Minden Grandmothers to Grandmothers group, give Mickey Bonham a call at 286-2198. To find out how to start your own "grannies" group, call Julie Coultas, Grandmothers Campaign Liaison, (416) 533-9292 ext 234. To find out more about Stephen Lewis and the foundation, go to campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org

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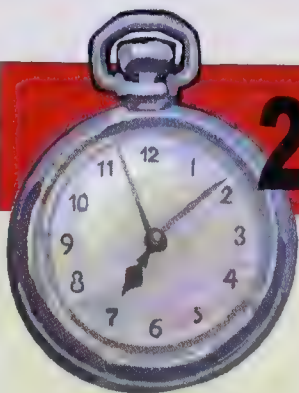
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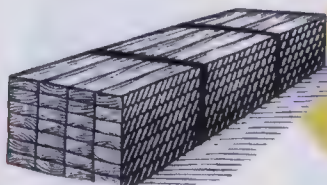
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by George Farrell

Scene 1

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... And with that little scenario, the stage is set for Wendy Ladurantaye, who yes, you guessed it, specializes in scrapbooking and storybooks. "If you don't tell the story they're just pictures on a page" says Wendy. "Accompanying text on a page or on a computer can make these pictures come alive for future generations to understand and appreciate."

Wendy gives instruction on traditional non digital scrapbooking, but it's the computer age that has really given a boost to what are now referred to as storybooks. Wendy is a consultant for Creative Memories, a web site complete with an online storybook component and she is more than happy to explain how easy it is to create your own "family

Scene 2

Bugles blare on sound track as a series of quick-cuts succinctly show the viewer the advances of storybooking online. The pitch is hard hitting and effective. An announcer exclaims over the visuals, "Storybook online. It's here, it's now, and it's your history....."

memories"

For some people getting started on a family scrapbook is difficult, so Wendy gives them individual instruction. "They can come to me, or I will go to their house. I teach groups as well, and it's just like a Tupperware party. The hostess gets a present; albums, tools or paper packs, things like that."

Wendy cautions that if you're investing the time in making photo albums, you need to be informed about the quality of material you use because if you want them to last for a long time you need archival quality materials which meet the ISO standard, the international standard of quality. "Doing it properly doesn't cost that much more. It can be addictive, but it doesn't need to be expensive," she says.

"I love watching the excitement of people when they're making their albums and sharing their stories. It's so satisfying for them and for me."

November 25 is the Scrapbooking and Creative Memories open house. To find out more about the open house and scrapbooking contact Wendy at 286-6165, or via email at rememberwendykins@sympatico.ca.



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Scene 3

... Back again to the living room. The light has been subtly turned up, colours are enhanced, and everyone wears bright faces. Scene 1 is repeated; only this time, in answer to Joey's question, Dad answers. "That was your great granddad Bill, and he was a hero in the Great War. He was part of a regiment that went overseas and fought for Canada against the enemy. Great granddad Bill was only 20 years old when these pictures were taken. This one here shows him when his

company was on leave....." The scene fades as we see smiles on Joey and Mom's faces, and Dad's voice goes on with the information and fades in volume into the background, as the camera slow- zooms into Joey's eyes. Joey's eyes dissolve into one of the photos of his great granddad Jim. The still photograph comes to life. Joey is reliving history in his mind. The scene dissolves back again into Joey's beaming face. Cut to a wide shot of the family on the couch.... Joey hugs his parents. "I love you Mom and Dad." Mom beams. The scene fades as Dad continues to give Joey facts about his great grandfather.



Minden's Moonlight Madness

Friday November 24th

Don't forget about Minden's great Moonlight Madness on Friday November 24th... Shop into the evening (5-8 p.m.) following the Lighting of the Christmas Tree. See ads on page 37 to 39 for great specials being offered by just four of the many businesses that will be remaining open for the event!! Great time to Christmas shop!!



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Now some people out there are going to think that they must have died and gone to heaven; after all, good cleaning services can be hard to come by. Your first reaction may even be "what's wrong with this woman?" It turns out absolutely nothing. She really just loves to clean.

"Perhaps I should explain," says Margaret. "My background's Hungarian, so it's bred into me. I was 4 years old when I was ironing. My Mom taught me well." She continues, "My Mom's been in the cleaning business for over 35 years. When I was a teenager, I worked with her on my summer holidays, and on weekends. I just enjoy cleaning. I love attention to detail, and I even detail vehicles."

Margaret, hubby Peter and their two small children, moved to the Highlands in January - they have family ties to the area. Margaret just registered the business in September of this year,

and already her clients include Canoe FM and several residences and cottages on Mountain Lake - but she knows she can handle

much more and knows it's a matter of time before her reputation and advertising bring her more clients. "I understand that these things take time," she says. "Customers don't want people they don't know in their houses and cottages, or businesses, and I can understand that too, but I can show them the Police Report which shows my clean record, and I think that will help some people to accept me more quickly."

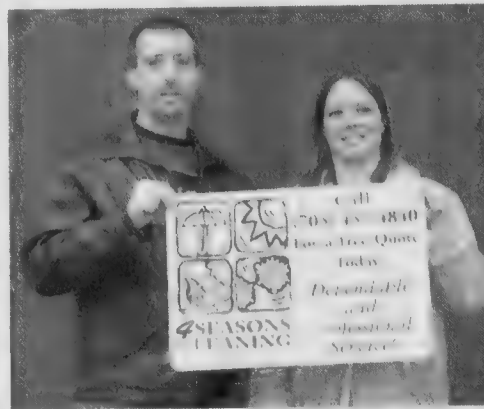
Margaret has been very pro-active in getting her name out there, as she has ad's appearing in the Communicator, and

other places. She is also distributing pamphlets and business cards around the neighborhood. The cards, pamphlets, and the magnetic trucks signs have been effectively designed by Peter, who works in the printing business, and for the time being, still commutes to Toronto.

Margaret's strategy for the 4 Seasons Cleaning Company has been attention to detail and priding herself in providing good quality cleaning that nobody will be disappointed with. She explains. "When I was pregnant, we hired several cleaning companies, and none of them lived up to my expectations. So I know the difference between good and bad work. I will guarantee that my work is superior."

4 Seasons cleaning will offer clients several cleaning packages: annual, semi annual, weekly or bi-weekly, based on customer needs, budget, and square footage. Customers can also make their own packages. Some jobs will be based on an hourly wage, while others will be based on a flat rate. Estimates are free, and there will be a discount for seniors. Right now Margaret is mainly doing residential and cottage cleaning, but she is open to commercial work as well. Down the road a bit, she envisions her husband Peter joining her in the business, doing exterior property maintenance. Margaret is mainly working day shifts, but she will work evenings when required.

"My biggest problem to overcome," she says, "is in establishing myself locally, and becoming known and respected for what I do." With all she is doing, one could say she's well on her way. You can reach Margaret Zahn, and the 4 Seasons Cleaning Company, by calling 457-4840.





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Real Estate TIPS

by Lea Kitler

A Healthy House Is A Happy Home

Toxic Black Mold spores are everywhere and cannot be avoided. They float in through open windows and doors, or come inside by riding on your clothing or pets. Health problems in homes and buildings rarely occur unless there has been intense flooding, usually in basements, sometimes from leaky roofs, or where there has been an extensive plumbing problem. If spores land on a moist or damp surface, usually in a poorly lit area they can grow.

The key to mold control is moisture control. Water damaged areas must be dried within twenty-four to forty-eight hours to prevent mold and mildew growth. There are health risks, most people have a natural immunity to antigens present in mold, but some are more sensitive than others, mostly infants, the elderly and asthmatics.

Exposure to mold is not a desirable living condition and it should be removed, just like you would also throw away moldy bread without eating it. Check the health of your home, and when you are ready to make your next real estate move remember to keep in mind the health risks.

Residential

Affordable living in the hamlet of Gunter. Three bedroom, open concept kitchen/dining area, four piece bath with Jacuzzi tub on a nice size lot waiting for you to move in for only \$64,900.

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How Would You Like To WIN

**Dinner for 2 at Tracey's Bistro
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and a free haircut at Hair by Heather**

We've done a feature story on three businesses in this issue that are offering great prizes. All you have to do is read the stories, and in them you will find the answers to the questions below. Write the answers on a piece of paper, complete with your name, address and phone number, & the first correct answers drawn from all received WINS!!

Tracey's Bistro (pg. 23 & 24)

- 1 - How many patrons can Tracey's accommodate?
- 2 - What is Tracey going to offer Sat. & Sun.?
- 3 - What is the menu's price range?

Kosy Korner (pg. 21 & 22)

- 1 - Where is the wheel chair entrance located?
- 2 - What familiar items are coming with them?
- 3 - When does the drive-thru open?

Hair by Heather (pg. 33 & 34)

- 1 - How does Heather describe her atmosphere?
- 2 - Name three services she offers?
- 3 - Where is her shop located?

Deadline for entries is Dec. 2, 2006

Send your entry to: The Communicator Contest
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Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes Misfortune

Last weekend the Silver Flutes had their bus broken into and equipment was stolen. On Saturday, November 25th is the Santa Claus Parade. The Silver Flutes have borrowed drums that don't match and the drum slings will be different, therefore won't be as picturesque. There have been people calling to make a donation. If you would like to donate, please call Julia vanLieshout at 457-3414. If you know anything about the theft - please come forward with information. This is a very wonderful group that do not deserve what happened to them.

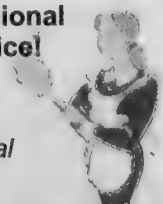


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The 4C'S Food Bank in Haliburton: This is meant for residents located in Haliburton, West Guilford & surrounding areas.

The Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce: This is for those located in Tory Hill, Harcourt, and Wilberforce areas.

Cardiff: for residents of that area.

The Minden Arena: For Minden and surrounding area residents. In Minden call 489-2062

There will be no deliveries made by the 4C'S.

The Minden Community Basket Program Available For Minden & Area Families

The Minden Community Basket Program is open to all Minden & Area Families in need of assistance at Christmas this year.

Requests for food boxes must be made by the recipient between December 4th to 8th and between Dec. 11th to 15th by phoning 489-2062.

All Christmas boxes are to be picked up by the applicant. Please have identification with you. You can arrange to pick up your Christmas Basket in the afternoon of December 22nd from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre.

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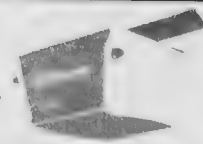
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Jim realized that there's a lot of people that don't need a big contractor – they just have odd jobs they need done and Jim says he's the guy to call. He started Hubby for Hire in June of this year and he's been pretty busy ever since. "I've been steady doing dry walling, siding, soffit and fascia, that sort of thing. I've built a shed, done some roofing, and I do minor plumbing-fixing leaks that sort of thing." He also builds decks. "I install and trim windows and doors, and I have a brake for bending aluminum, so if you're tired of painting windows they can be covered with aluminum, which comes in different colours to suite your taste, but," he adds, "I don't do electrical, because you



Jim Pollard of Hubby for Hire

need a license for that."

No fly-by-night Mr. Fixit, Jim has worked in the area since 1988, mainly in the field of construction, and this is the first time he has gone into business for himself. "I've had lots of contractors ask me to sub for them, but I'd rather work for myself. That way my successes are my own, and I can work at my own pace," says Jim. "The whole idea of going by myself is to give me the freedom to do the job as I see fit. One of my strengths is that I'm versatile, but I'm fussy. Some people call me a perfectionist. You can afford to be that way sometimes, when you have a small business, and you run it yourself."

"I thought of that name myself," continues Jim. "I wanted something catchy," and also a name to get across the idea to some of the seniors who are widows, that they can get the type of jobs done that their husbands used to do for them. In fact Jim's motto, which can be found on the side of his company truck says 'get those unfinished

jobs done right.'

"I have all the standard carpentry tools, as well as framing and brad nailers, the aluminum brake and dry wall tools. I'll work for anybody," Jim says, "but my business is mainly seniors, and I'm geared to 1 or 2 man jobs where I can grab a helper when needed. I want to keep things small. It's a balancing act. Down the road I envision 2 or 3 employees, but my strength is hands-on. I like doing the work, and being outside."

Of course working for yourself is not always the easiest thing to do, because there is not only the hands-on work, but also book-keeping, and things like promotion, and dealing with clients. At least he has help with the book keeping, as wife Michele does that.

The biggest challenge for Jim, he says, is keeping in touch with his customer base. "It's a time management thing," he explains, "When I work there's not much time for anything else, so I have to do all my correspondence in the evenings." So if you can use the services of Jim Pollard and Hubby For Hire, he suggests that you leave a phone message if you are calling during the day. He will get back to you. His number is 286-1839, or you can email him at hubbyforhire@sympatico.ca



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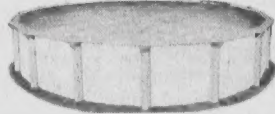
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This is the 12th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge, which has been a tremendous success with your help, and this year again, your help is needed and appreciated. Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in a draw. In the winner's name, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association will make a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The winner last year was Carnarvon Castle Building Centre. Please take this opportunity to help our community and make someone's Christmas a little brighter! If you have any questions please call 457-2629.

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\$159,000.00



Private Lake - 129 acres - Haliburton Highlands.

129 acre retreat estate type property with a private lake, mature forest of pine and hardwoods. A 5 bdrm + loft cottage sits on the shore line of Torch Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm, massive stone fireplace in LR and backing the DR. Wood floors and all wood interior with cathedral ceilings. Large deck for entertaining. This property has many possibilities. Family retreat, Bed and Breakfast, Children's Camp, Retreat Center, possible severances of lots, also appears to be 50 to 60 acres of gravel, sand and great timber. Report details available to interested parties

\$910,000.00



Bring the groceries!!!

One of a kind opportunity on Kennisis Lake. This beautiful lake front property has it all with south to southeast exposure. Features are 3 bedrooms (2 with balconies), 2 baths, open concept with vaulted ceilings, hardwood & tile floors. Built in appliances, main floor laundry and sunken living room with propane fireplace. The best part is it comes furnished. There is also a double car garage and Bunkie/storage.

\$518,000.00



Little Redstone

Imagine owning 8 acres on one of Haliburton's premier lakes. Miles and miles of boating on 2 lake chain, 1300 ft of shoreline, level property, well treed. Ideal safe play area for the family. Cottage has approx 1800sq ft of living space, 2 baths, laundry, family RM, & LG deck for entertaining. Water furnace with air conditioning make this an economical comfortable cottage or year round home. Insulated garage/workshop with LG storage area attached.

\$695,000.00

**Thinking of Selling or Buying?
Give The Mother / Daughter
Team a Call!!**

**Kennisis Lake - Privacy plus on
the 748 ft. 2.84 acres shoreline of
Kennisis Lake. Trees, rocks, deep
water & great view, south
exposure, driveway onto property.
Build your dream cottage now.**

\$399,000.00



Kennisis Lake

4 season 2 bdrm cottage on year round road, drive to back door. Beautifully tiered frontage, with to die for big lake view of Kennisis Lake. 2 islands give protection to the shore line. Deep water swimming from a large deck and dock system

\$359,000.00



Kennisis Lake Beauty

Priv. setting for this cozy yr rnd 3 bdrm cottage or home. Int is cedar & some drywall. Huge master overlooking the lake / priv deck. Lge bath / sauna, jacuzzi, & shower. 2nd bath for 2 lower level bdrms. Guest cabin. Granite shoreline, deep water swimming, newer deck at waters edge with dock., Southern exp with an unreal view of Kennisis Lake.

\$522,000.00



Commercial building and 2 BR home

on busy highway frontage. Ample parking, paved drive on Hwy 35. 3000 sq. ft. new oil furnace, loading dock, large basement, office space, hardwood floors, updated carpet, plumbing, roof & windows, move in condition. Endless possibilities! Enquire for more details! Business relocating.

\$399,000.00

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